

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES DEALING WITH TROPICAL STORM KETSANA AND TYPHOON PARMA

SPEECH OF

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 800. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important resolution which expresses sympathy to the people and communities in the Philippines who are still struggling to recover from Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma. I thank my friend, Congresswoman SPEIER, for introducing this legislation.

I am honored to represent a large and vibrant Filipino community in Southern Nevada, many of whom have families that were impacted by these natural disasters. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Filipino community of Southern Nevada during this time of turmoil.

Today, I am privileged to join with members of the House in solidarity with the people of the Philippines as they begin the process of rebuilding their communities after these horrific events. During these two disasters, Southeast Asia was the victim of some of the worst flooding the world has ever seen. In some areas, 60 percent of the land was completely submerged and entire villages were washed away. As the rebuilding begins, we stand in strength and solidarity with the Philippines.

Unfortunately, these storms have also claimed the lives of hundreds of Filipinos. I send my most sincere condolences to their families. The full effect that these storms have had will not be known for some time, and our prayers for the safety of those affected will continue.

I know that the residents of the Philippines are strong willed and resilient, and will quickly rebuild their communities. I encourage our Department of State to reach out to the Philippine government and offer assistance as needed. I am proud that the United States Armed Forces have been assisting in the recovery and thank them for their vital efforts. It is important that our two nations stand together in efforts to rebuild and stabilize the affected regions.

Today, the United States House of Representatives stands united with the Filipino Community in the Philippines and around the world. I urge adoption of this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH ZINNO

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this time to honor a great American serv-

ice member, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Zinno. During a terrific storm in 1946, Lt. Col. Zinno successfully landed a plane carrying the members of the Sharon Rogers All-Girl Band, a USO sponsored orchestra which performed for American troops serving in East Asia.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1923, Lt. Col. Zinno developed a fascination with flight as a child and was often seen sketching planes on spare pieces of paper or sneaking to the local airport hangar to watch the occasional take-off. His passion for aviation led him to the Army Air Corps. After earning his wings and bars in 1944, Lt. Col. Zinno began his first assignment with the 63rd Troop Carrier Group in Sedalia, Missouri, part of my home district.

Lt. Col. Zinno's skill as an aviator came to a test on January 20, 1946, when he was ordered to ferry the Sharon Rogers All-Girl Band from Seoul, Korea, to Tokyo, Japan. When Lt. Col. Zinno flew through a treacherous thunderhead, his C-46 dropped 3,500 feet in a matter of seconds. Remaining calm, the courageous pilot navigated the storm with little visibility and safely landed the plane in the Shimonoseki Strait, a strip of water littered with mines and high tension wires. With every passenger and crew member alive and safe, a Japanese fishing boat brought the orchestra and flight crew to safe ground.

Madam Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Zinno has distinguished himself throughout his long career as a talented and courageous pilot. His nerves of steel and gutsy determination may well have saved the lives of the Sharon Rogers All-Girl Band. I trust that the Members of the House will join me in honoring this brave pilot for his contributions to our country.

INTRODUCING THE FIRST STATE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ACT

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join Senators CARPER and KAUFMAN in introducing the First State National Historical Park Act, which authorizes a National Historical Park in Delaware. The U.S. National Park Service concluded its Special Resource Study in January 2009 and recommended that such a park be created in Delaware. The National Historical Park would be in partnership with the State celebrating Delaware's early Dutch, Swedish and English Settlements and the events leading up to the state's role in the founding of our nation; it will be comprised of sites associated with early settlement and the people and events leading up to the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

From recreation to exploring history and culture, and discovering the natural resources, the benefits of the National Parks Service are many. I have been pleased to work over the last several years with Senator CARPER to ad-

vance Delaware's effort in gaining a National Park. With the introduction of the First State National Historical Park Act, Delaware is one step from realizing this goal. A National Historical Park that takes visitors to sites rich in history throughout Delaware will greatly enhance the public's understanding of all the First State has to offer—putting us firmly on the "park" map once and for all.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate in passing this important legislation.

ACKNOWLEDGING PAULA CAMPBELL'S SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA'S EDUCATION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Paula Campbell, the out-going president of the California School Boards Association, for her continuous efforts on behalf of education throughout her community of Nevada County as well as my district and the entire state of California.

Mrs. Campbell began her career with the Nevada County School Board in 1992 where she served as president for five terms. Her success at the local level was rewarded in 2003 with her election to the state Board of Directors. And yet again her dedication and commitment to success were well recognized; Paula Campbell was elected president of the California School Boards Association.

Paula's service has been instrumental to the advancement of education in California. Thank you Paula.

KOREA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM GOVERNOR KIM TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support submitted by Governor of Jeollabuk-do Province Kim Wan-Joo of the Republic of Korea in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

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Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific
and the Global Environment, Committee on
Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives.

HONORABLE ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, On behalf of Jeollabuk-do, please accept my warmest thanks for your visit to be appointed an Honorary Citizen and Goodwill Ambassador.

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